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Conference on Sovietologists

Some 40 Soviet political-affairs specialists from the Agency, the State and Defense Departments, Brookings Institution, and RAND Corporation assembled 8 April at a day-long conference on "Soviet Politics and the Media" sponsored jointly by the FBIS Analysis Group and the CIA Center for the Study of Intelligence. Chaired by [redacted] FBIS/AG, the conference addressed 25X1 three issues: (1) how to interpret the apparent independence shown by certain prominent Soviet foreign policy commentators, (2) the significance of media indicators of strain or maneuvering over policy within the Soviet leadership, and (3) the value of the Soviet press for the study of Soviet military theory. Lead-off discussants were [redacted] Duke University, [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] Cornell, [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] now at RAND. A report on the conference 25X1 will be issued, based on a stenographic record of the discussion. (C)

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